



Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo October 31, 2025

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Halloween and happy Solemnity of All Saints, Trinity Lions! Just a reminder that today is a half day with noon dismissal and no aftercare. We will form two car lines at dismissal to keep all cars off 8th Avenue. Please pull up and watch for faculty directions to ensure everyone is kept safe throughout the process. Thank you!

Just a reminder, these weekly communications, as well as all school related news, can be found on our school website ([Holy Trinity Catholic School | North Myrtle Beach, SC](#)). You can also check our school Facebook page ([Facebook](#)) for quick reminders and photos.

Parent Survey for Our School Accreditation Retention - We are asking at least one adult from each family to click this link: [eProve™ surveys](#) to complete the required annual survey by **Friday, 11/14**. All faculty and 3rd-5th grade students will be required to complete similar surveys as well. This is required for us to retain our accreditation status with Cognia. Thank you in advance for your support and valuable feedback.

Save The Date - This year, the annual #GiveCatholic Giving Day is on **Tuesday, 12/2/25**. Advance giving opens on **Monday, 11/17/25**. Please see the attached information about our goals and please, please, please share this information with your family and friends, as well as on your social media outlets. We are looking for 100% support from all families.

Retreat for Parents of Children with Special Needs - Parents of children and adults with special needs are invited to a day of faith, rest and renewal on Friday, Nov. 8 (10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) at St. Philip Neri Church, Fort Mill. The retreat will feature Father Jim Collins, a priest with cerebral palsy, sharing his powerful witness of perseverance and joy, along with Kristen McGuire on rediscovering God's gifts through extraordinary children. The day includes Mass, rosary, confession and adoration. [Register in advance](#): \$20 individual | \$30 couple | Limited childcare available. Register at: [Come to Christ: A Retreat for Parents of Children and Adults with Special Needs on November 8, 2025 | Flocknote](#)

25-26 Tuition Updates - In order to align with other Catholic schools, and to highlight the value of what HTCS offers with our safe and nurturing environment, outstanding faculty and staff, daily faith formation and sacramental preparation, and our proven academic results,

please note that tuition will be handled differently beginning next year. All students (Catholic and non-Catholic) will be charged the full “cost to educate” tuition rate. All applicable discounts, scholarships, assistance, and grants will be deducted from that rate. More information about tuition and grant opportunities will be published to the school community as soon as possible.

Note: It is very important that families apply for all available grants (ESTF, First Steps 4K, Diocesan) as soon as they open. *No tuition assistance will be given to families who have not applied for all grants for which they are eligible to apply. Thank you for your support in helping our school become financially viable and sustainable long term.*

ESTF Updates, Webinars and Key Dates - Please see below for lots of important information:

- **Enrollment Verification Form** issues have been resolved — parents should now see their schools listed. If not, they can select “Other” under the private school dropdown. Parents unable to find their FACTS Application ID can view this short [tutorial](#) created by

Felicity Ropp (Palmetto Promise Institute) and check their inbox for FACTS confirmation emails.

- **Learn what the ESTF program is**, how to apply, and how to prepare so your child is first in line for a \$7,634 scholarship. Sessions will also highlight changes for 2026–27 and include a Q&A. Whether you are a 2025–26 ESTF recipient family renewing for the 2026–27 school year, or applying for the first time, these webinars are for you! Webinar dates and registration links:
 - Thursday, Oct. 16 | 11:30 a.m. – [Register on Zoom](#)
 - Saturday, Oct. 25 | 10:00 a.m. – [Register on Zoom](#)

ESTF Grant - Renewal & Application Timeline: The application is expected to be highly competitive this year. Approval for the grant will be awarded on a first come, first serve as needed basis. Good news... the income levels have increased, so if you did not get approved last year for that reason, you may get approved this year. **ALL FAMILIES WHO ARE IN NEED OF**

TUITION ASSISTANCE TO ATTEND HTCS ARE EXPECTED TO APPLY AS SOON AS THE APPROPRIATE APPLICATION WINDOW OPENS. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping the school achieve financial stability through a healthy and fiscally responsible school budget.

- **Nov. 1** – Renewals for current recipients and siblings (must reapply with 2023/24 tax return).
- **Jan. 15** – Best date for all families to apply. Priority applications (active military and public-school students under 300% poverty).
- **Feb. 9** – Open to all applicants (up to 500% poverty level, IRS 1040 line 11).

- Award Amount (2026–27): \$7,634 per student. This is applied towards the actual cost to educate. Any difference is owed by the family. Our *current* CTE is \$7900.
- Families are typically notified within 2 weeks of applying and are to email the school immediately of the funds awarded.

Reminder - As per our handbook, if a student is absent from school, they are not allowed to attend after school activities, sports, and other events. Thank you for your understanding.

Save the Dates: Mark your calendars for some upcoming family events that you are invited to attend:

- **Friday, 10/31** - 7:10 AM Rosary, field day, half day, noon dismissal, no aftercare
- **Tuesday, 11/11** - 1:30 PM - Veterans Day Program in the mpr
- **Friday, 11/14** - Half day, noon dismissal, no aftercare - Teacher catechesis afternoon
- **Thursday, 11/20** - 3:10 PM - Family advent activity in the mpr
- **Saturday, 11/22** - 4 PM - Alumni and Current Families School Mass
- **Tuesday, 11/25** - Half day, noon dismissal, no aftercare
- **Wednesday, 11/26-Friday, 11/28** - No school, Thanksgiving break
- **Friday, 12/5** - 1:45 PM - K3/K4 Gingerbread Event w/Leadership in the mpr
- **Thursday, 12/18** - 6 PM - Christmas show in the mpr
- **Friday, 12/19** - Half day, noon dismissal, no aftercare
- **Monday, 12/22-Friday, 1/2** - No school, Christmas/New Year break

Sunday's Readings - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

The following are a selection of the readings that may be chosen for this day.

Reading I: Wisdom 3:1-9

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if before men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble; they shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord shall be their King forever. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 - R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Or: **R. Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. **R.**

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage. **R.**

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **R.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come. **R.**

Reading II: Romans 5:5-11

Brothers and sisters: Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his Blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Or:

Romans 6:3-9

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

Alleluia: Matthew 25:34 - R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, you who are blessed by my Father; inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. **R.**

Gospel: John 6:37-40

Jesus said to the crowds: "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day."

MISSION STATEMENT: *Holy Trinity Catholic School, a ministry of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, offers to early childhood and elementary school students of diverse ethnic, economic, and religious backgrounds a superior academic program based on Gospel values. Within a family atmosphere, the school strives to develop the spiritual, academic, personal, creative, and physical growth of each student.*

VISION STATEMENT: *Holy Trinity Catholic School students will be fully prepared to transition to middle school possessing critical thinking skills, an ability to work independently as well as collaboratively, and an awareness of what it means to actively live the Gospel values.*